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1. CONCUR IN PROPOSED U.S. POSITION ON RAPPORTEURS REPORT
AS OUTLINED IN REF.

2. FYI: WE SUPPORT ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT BASED
ON SIX PERCENT PROFIT TO TRAPIL, BUT WOULD ACCEPT AS COM-
PROMISE AN AGREEMENT FOR LESSER REIMBURSEMENT BASED ON THE
8 PERCENT FORMULA. WHILE STRONGLY SUPPORTING EFFORT TO
OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FROM FRENCH FOR PAST UNWARRANTED
BENEFITS GAINED BY TRAPIL AND FRENCH GOVERNMENT, WE BELIEVE
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PRIMARY EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PRECLUDING FUTURE

RECURRENCE OF SUCH SITUATION, AS WELL AS MITIGATING OR
ELIMINATING IMPOSITION OF TAXES ON CEPS CIVIL REVENUE.
MISSION SHOULD CONTINUE STRONG INITIATIVES TOWARD THOSE
GOALS REGARDLESS OF FINAL OUTCOME OF REIMBURSEMENT ACTION
AND COST SHARING NEGOTIATIONS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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